(b) if so, whether after declaration of this area as sub-urban zone the Railways have increased its fare charges upto Dahanu without providing the above mentioned facilities;

(c) if so, whether people have been urging to provide all the required facilities at the earliest; and

(d) if so, whether the Railways have agreed to provide these facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) All the suburban stations fall in category 'C' and minimum passenger amenities as per norms laid down by Ministry of Railway have been provided at all the stations between Churchgate and Dahanu Road except for Vaitoorna. Vaitoorna station also has essential amenities except foot over bridge (FOB) and Platform shelter for which work is in progress. The minimum essential amentieis including drinking water, platform shelter, toilet, booking facilities etc.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Even though minimum essential amenities are available but passengers do demand additional facilities.

(d) The facilities over and above the minimum essential amenities are provided at stations in a phased manner on the basis of number of passengers and importance of the stations.

Rebuilding the damaged coaches

608. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite adverse report from the coach manufacturers and protests by Mahalaxmi workshop staff, the Eastern Railway had decided to rebuild five of the seven coaches that were damaged in the serial blasts of 11 July, 2006;

(b) if so, whether the Western Railway is agreeable to get the job done before 11 July, 2007; and

(c) if so, by when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Based on detailed inspection and condition of damaged coaches it was decided on Western Railway to rebuild five of the seven coaches that were damaged in the serial blasts on July 11, 2006. There was no proposal under consideration to get these coaches repaired on Eastern Railway.

(b) No, Sir. Only one of the five coaches mentioned in part (a) was rebuilt and put into service by 11 July, 2007.

(c) Till date, four out of the five damaged coaches mentioned in part (a) have been put into service after rebuilding by Western Railway. Repairing of the remaining one coach is under progress.

Promotion of tourist trains

609. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sensing a great business opportunity in synergizing their resources his Ministry and Ministry of Tourism have decided to join force to jointly market major tourist destinations in the country through appropriate packages;